Dark Energy and Dark Matter from Quantum Gravity

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In this talk

I emphasize that noncommutative (NC) spacetime necessarily implies emergent spacetime if spacetime at microscopic scales should be viewed as NC.

The emergent gravity from NC U(1) gauge theory is the large N duality and the emergent spacetime picture admits a background-independent formulation of quantum gravity.

In order to understand NC spacetime correctly, we need to deactivate the thought patterns that we have installed in our brains and taken for granted for so many years.

Emergent gravity predicts the existence of the dark composition of our Universe.

NC spacetime introduces the gauge-gravity duality

1. Recall that quantum mechanics is mechanics on NC phase space whose coordinate generators satisfy the commutation relation

$$\left[x^{i}, p_{j}\right] = i\hbar\delta_{j}^{i}$$

2. The mathematical structure of NC spacetime is essentially the same as the NC phase space in quantum mechanics:

$$[y^{\mu}, y^{\nu}] = i\theta^{\mu\nu},$$

where
$$p_{\mu} = B_{\mu\nu} y^{\nu}$$
 and $B_{\mu\nu} \equiv (\theta^{-1})_{\mu\nu}$.

3. Everything on NC spacetime bears some analogy with quantum mechanics:

NC phase space \Rightarrow Wave-particle dualityNC spacetime \Rightarrow Gauge-gravity duality

NC spacetime necessarily implies emergent spacetime

- 1. Recall that $f(x + a) = U(a)^{\dagger} f(x)U(a)$ where $U(a) = e^{-ip \cdot a/\hbar}$, and so every point on NC space is unitarily equivalent. There is no space but an algebra \mathcal{A}_{θ} only. Thus the NC *space* is a misnomer.
- 2. NC space introduces a separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and so \mathcal{H} has a countable basis. Dynamical variables become operators acting on the Hilbert space.
- 3. NC spacetime implies a paradigm shift: Geometry \rightarrow Algebra Hilbert space \mathcal{H} : dynamical variables $\rightarrow N \times N$ matrices where $N = \dim(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \infty$.

- 4. Large N duality or gauge/gravity duality such as the AdS/CFT correspondence is an inevitable consequence of the NC spacetime.
- 5. NC spacetime admits a (dynamical) diffeomorphism symmetry which precisely acts as the novel form of the equivalence principle for electromagnetic force.

NC Fields As Large N Matrices

Consider a two-dimensional NC space

$$[x, y] = i\theta \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad [a, a^{\dagger}] = 1 \text{ where } a = \frac{x + iy}{\sqrt{2\theta}}.$$

Since $\mathcal{H} = \{ |n\rangle; n = 0, 1, \dots, \infty \}$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |n\rangle \langle n| = 1_{\mathcal{H}}, \text{ for } \phi_1, \phi_2 \in \mathcal{A}_{\theta},$
$$\phi_1(x, y) = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} |n\rangle \langle n| \phi_1(x, y) |m\rangle \langle m| \equiv M_{nm} |n\rangle \langle m|,$$
$$\phi_2(x, y) = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} |n\rangle \langle n| \phi_2(x, y) |m\rangle \langle m| \equiv N_{nm} |n\rangle \langle m|,$$
$$(\phi_1 \star \phi_2)(x, y) = \sum_{n,l,m=0}^{\infty} |n\rangle \langle n| \phi_1(x, y) |l\rangle \langle l| \phi_2(x, y) |m\rangle \langle m| = M_{nl} N_{lm} |n\rangle \langle m|,$$

NC fields $\phi_a(x, y)$ in \mathcal{A}_{θ} = adjoint operators acting on a separable Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = N \times N$ matrices in $End(\mathcal{H}) \equiv \mathcal{A}_N$ with $N = \dim(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \infty$.

Ordering in \mathcal{A}_{θ} = ordering in \mathcal{A}_N and $Tr_N = Tr_{\mathcal{H}} = \int \frac{dxdy}{2\pi\theta}$.

Large N gauge theory from NC U(1) gauge theory

Consider a (d+2n)-dimensional NC U(1) gauge theory on $\mathbb{R}^d_C \times \mathbb{R}^{2n}_{NC}$ whose coordinates are $X^M = (x^{\mu}, y^a), M = 0, 1, \dots, D - 1, \mu = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1, a = 1, \dots, 2n$ where $[y^a, y^b] = i\theta^{ab}.$

The D=(d+2n)-dimensional U(1) connections are split as

 $D_M(X) = \partial_M - i\hat{A}_M(x, y) = (D_\mu, D_a)(x, y)$ where $\partial_a \equiv \operatorname{ad}_{p_a} = -i[p_a, \cdot]$ with $p_a = B_{ab}y^b$ and $D_a(x, y) = -i(p_a + \hat{A}_a(x, y)) \equiv -i\phi_a(x, y).$

Using the matrix representation $\mathcal{A}_{\theta} \to \mathcal{A}_N$ by

$$\Xi(x,y)\mapsto \Xi(x)\in \mathcal{A}_N,$$

the D-dimensional NC U(1) gauge theory is exactly mapped to the d-dimensional U(N)Yang-Mills theory

$$S = -\frac{1}{4G_{YM}^2} \int d^D X \left(\hat{F}_{MN} - B_{MN} \right)^2$$

= $-\frac{1}{g_{YM}^2} \int d^d x \operatorname{Tr}(\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}D_{\mu}\phi_a D^{\mu}\phi_a - \frac{1}{4}[\phi_a, \phi_b]^2)$

where $B_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B_{ab} \end{pmatrix}$.

d=0: IKKT, d=1: BFSS, d=2: DVV, ..., d=4: AdS/CFT,



Figure 1: Flowchart for emergent gravity

NC spacetime as NC Coulomb branch

I will make an important observation that NC spacetime arises as a vacuum solution in the Coulomb branch of a large N gauge theory to demonstrate the large N duality.

1. The conventional choice of vacuum in the Coulomb branch of U(N) Yang-Mills theory is given by

$$[\phi_a, \phi_b]|_{\text{vac}} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \langle \phi_a \rangle_{\text{vac}} = \text{diag}\big((\alpha_a)_1, (\alpha_a)_2, \cdots, (\alpha_a)_N\big)$$

In this case the U(N) gauge symmetry is broken to $U(1)^N$.

2. If we consider the $N \rightarrow \infty$ limit, the large N limit opens a new phase of the Coulomb branch given by

$$[\phi_a, \phi_b]|_{\text{vac}} = -iB_{ab} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \langle \phi_a \rangle_{\text{vac}} = p_a \equiv B_{ab}y^b$$

where the vacuum moduli $y^a \in \mathbb{R}_{NC}^{2n}$ satisfy the Moyal-Heisenberg algebra.

3. Suppose that fluctuations around the NC vacuum take the form

$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - i\widehat{A}_{\mu}(x, y), \qquad \phi_a = p_a + \widehat{A}_a(x, y)$$

The adjoint scalar fields now obey the deformed algebra given by

 $[\phi_a, \phi_b] = -i(B_{ab} - \widehat{F}_{ab})$

Large N duality from NC spacetime

Plugging the fluctuations into the *d*-dimensional $U(N \rightarrow \infty)$ Yang-Mills theory, we get the D = (d + 2n)-dimensional NC U(1) gauge theory and thus arrive at the reversed version of the equivalence

$$S = -\frac{1}{g_{YM}^2} \int d^d x \operatorname{Tr}(\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}D_{\mu}\phi_a D^{\mu}\phi_a - \frac{1}{4}[\phi_a, \phi_b]^2)$$

= $-\frac{1}{4G_{YM}^2} \int d^D X (\hat{F}_{MN} - B_{MN})^2$

where $X^{M} = (x^{\mu}, y^{a})$ are D-dimensional coordinates and D-dimensional connections are defined by

$$D_M(X) = \partial_M - i\hat{A}_M(x, y) = (D_\mu, D_a)(x, y)$$

whose field strength is given by

$$\widehat{F}_{MN}(X) = \partial_M \widehat{A}_N - \partial_N \widehat{A}_M - i [\widehat{A}_M, \widehat{A}_N]_{\star}.$$



Figure 2: Flowchart for large N duality

Inner/Outer automorphism

Therefore there should be some way to map the NC U(1) gauge theory to the Einstein gravity according to the (conjectural) large N duality. To be more specific, consider the inverse metric in Einstein gravity given by

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right)^2 = E_A \otimes E_A = g^{MN}(X)\partial_M \otimes \partial_N$$

where $E_A = E_A^M(X)\partial_M$ are orthonormal frames on the tangent bundle $T\mathcal{M}$ of a *D*-dimensional spacetime manifold \mathcal{M} . In order to complete the gauge-gravity duality in Figs. 1 and 2, it is thus necessary to realize the vector fields $E_A = E_A^M(X)\partial_M \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$ in terms of NC U(1) gauge fields.

A decisive clue is coming from the fact that the NC *-algebra \mathcal{A}_{θ} generated by the Moyal-Heisenberg algebra always admits a nontrivial inner automorphism \mathfrak{I} . The infinitesimal generators of \mathfrak{I} form an inner derivation defined by the adjoint operation

$$\mathcal{A}^d_{\theta} \to \mathfrak{D}^d : f \mapsto \mathrm{ad}_f = -i[f, \cdot]$$

for any $f \in \mathcal{A}^d_{\theta} \equiv \mathcal{A}_{\theta} (C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d-1,1})) \cong \mathcal{A}_{\theta} \times C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d-1,1})$

Definitely the derivation \mathfrak{D}^d is a Lie algebra homomorphism, i.e.,

 $\mathrm{ad}_{[f,g]} = i[\mathrm{ad}_f, \mathrm{ad}_g]$

Vielbeins from inner derivation

Consider the derivation algebra generated by the dynamical variables defined by

$$\widehat{V}_A = \{i \operatorname{ad}_{D_A} = [D_A, \cdot] | D_A(x, y) = (D_\mu, D_a)(x, y)\} \in \mathfrak{D}^d$$

where $D_A(x, y) = -i\phi_A(x, y)$. In a large-distance limit, i.e. $|\theta| \to 0$, one can expand the NC vector fields using the explicit form of the Moyal *-product. The result takes the form

$$\widehat{V}_A = V_A^M(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial Y^M} + \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} V_A^{a_1 \cdots a_p}(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{a_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{a_p}} \in \mathfrak{D}^d$$

where $V_A^{\mu} = \delta_A^{\mu}$. Thus the Taylor expansion of NC vector fields generates an infinite tower of the so-called polyvector fields. Note that the leading term gives rise to the ordinary vector fields that will be identified with a frame basis associated with the tangent bundle TM of an emergent spacetime manifold M.

Let us truncate the above polyvector fields to ordinary vector fields given by

$$\mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{M}) = \left\{ V_A = V_A^M(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial X^M} | A, M = 0, 1, \cdots, D - 1 \right\}$$

where $X^{M} = (x^{\mu}, y^{a})$ are local coordinates on a *D*-dimensional emergent *Lorentzian* manifold \mathcal{M} .

Emergent gravity from NC spacetime

The orthonormal vielbeins on $T\mathcal{M}$ are then defined by the relation

 $V_A = \lambda E_A \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$

or on $T^*\mathcal{M}$

$$v^A = \lambda^{-1} e^A \in \Gamma(T^*\mathcal{M}).$$

The conformal factor $\lambda \in C^{\infty}(\mathcal{M})$ is determined by the volume preserving condition

$$\mathcal{L}_{V_A}\nu_t = \left(\nabla \cdot V_A + (d-2n)V_A \ln \lambda\right)\nu_t = 0, \qquad \forall A = 0, 1, \cdots, D-1,$$

where

$$\nu_t \equiv d^d x \wedge \nu = \lambda^2 d^d x \wedge v^1 \wedge \dots \wedge v^{2n}$$

is a D-dimensional volume form on \mathcal{M} .

In the end, the Lorentzian metric on a *D*-dimensional spacetime manifold is given by

$$ds^{2} = \mathcal{G}_{MN}(X)dX^{M} \otimes dX^{N} = e^{A} \otimes e^{A}$$
$$= \lambda^{2}v^{A} \otimes v^{A} = \lambda^{2} (\eta_{\mu\nu}dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu} + v^{a}_{b}v^{a}_{c}(dy^{b} - \mathbf{A}^{b})(dy^{c} - \mathbf{A}^{c}))$$

where $A^b := A^b_{\mu}(x, y) dx^{\mu}$. Therefore the NC field theory representation of the *d*-dimensional large *N* gauge theory in the NC Coulomb branch provides a powerful machinery to identify gravitational variables dual to large *N* matrices.

NC Electromagnetism from Matrix Model

Let us start with a zero-dimensional matrix model with a bunch of $N \times N$ Hermitian matrices, { $\phi_a \in \mathcal{A}_N | a = 1, \dots, 2n$ }, whose action is given by

$$S = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{a,b=1}^{2n} \operatorname{Tr} [\phi_a, \phi_b]^2.$$

We require that the matrix algebra \mathcal{A}_N is associative, which leads to the Jacobi identity

$$[\phi_a, [\phi_b, \phi_c]] + [\phi_b, [\phi_c, \phi_a]] + [\phi_c, [\phi_a, \phi_b]] = 0.$$

We also assume the action principle, from which we yield the equation of motion

$$\sum_{b=1}^{2n} [\phi_b, [\phi_a, \phi_b]] = 0.$$

First suppose that the vacuum configuration of A_N is given by

$$\langle \phi_a \rangle_{\mathrm{vac}} = p_a \in \mathcal{A}_N$$

An obvious solution in the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$ is given by the Moyal-Heisenberg algebra

$$[p_a, p_b] = -iB_{ab},$$

where $(B_{ab}) = -L_P^{-2}(\mathbf{1}_n \otimes i\sigma^2)$ is a $2n \times 2n$ constant symplectic matrix. A general solution is generated by considering all possible deformations of the Moyal-Heisenberg algebra. They take the form

$$\phi_a = p_a + \widehat{A}_a \in \mathcal{A}_N,$$

obeying the deformed algebra

$$[\phi_a, \phi_b] = -i(B_{ab} - \widehat{F}_{ab}),$$

where

$$\widehat{F}_{ab} = \partial_a \widehat{A}_b - \partial_b \widehat{A}_a - i[\widehat{A}_a, \widehat{A}_b] \in \mathcal{A}_N \quad \text{with the definition } \partial_a \equiv \mathrm{ad}_{p_a} = -i[p_a, \cdot].$$

For the general matrix $\phi_a \in \mathcal{A}_N$ to be a solution the set of matrices $\widehat{F}_{ab} \in \mathcal{A}_N$, must obey the following equations

$$\widehat{D}_a \widehat{F}_{bc} + \widehat{D}_b \widehat{F}_{ca} + \widehat{D}_c \widehat{F}_{ab} = 0,$$
$$\sum_{b=1}^{2n} \widehat{D}_b \widehat{F}_{ab} = 0,$$

where

$$\widehat{D}_a \widehat{F}_{bc} \equiv \operatorname{ad}_{\phi_a} \widehat{F}_{bc} = -i[\phi_a, \widehat{F}_{bc}] = -[\phi_a, [\phi_b, \phi_c]].$$

Let us apply the Lie algebra homomorphism to yield

$$X_{D_A F_{BC}} = [V_A, [V_B, V_C]] \in \Gamma(TM)$$

It is then straightforward to get the following correspondence

$$D^{B}F_{AB} = 0 \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad [V^{B}, [V_{A}, V_{B}]] = 0,$$

$$D_{A}F_{BC} + \text{cyclic} = 0 \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad [V_{A}, [V_{B}, V_{C}]] + \text{cyclic} = 0.$$

Note that the torsion T and curvature R are multi-linear differential operators

$$T(X,Y) = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X,Y],$$

$$R(X,Y)Z = [\nabla_X,\nabla_Y]Z - \nabla_{[X,Y]}Z,$$

where X, Y and Z are vector fields on M. It is easy to derive the relation

$$T(V_A, V_B) = \lambda^2 T(E_A, E_B),$$

$$R(V_A, V_B)V_C = \lambda^3 R(E_A, E_B)E_C$$

After imposing the torsion free condition $T(E_A, E_B) = 0$, it is easy to derive the identity below

$$R(E_A, E_B)E_C + \text{cyclic} = \lambda^{-3} ([V_A, [V_B, V_C]] + \text{cyclic}).$$

Therefore we see that the Bianchi identity for NC U(1) gauge fields is equivalent to the first Bianchi identity for the Riemann curvature tensors, i.e.,

$$D_A F_{BC} + \text{cyclic} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad R(E_A, E_B) E_C + \text{cyclic} = 0.$$

The mission for the equations of motion is more involved. So let us focus on four dimensions, i.e., n = 2. Basically we are expecting the Einstein equations

$$D^B F_{AB} = 0 \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad R_{AB} = 8\pi G \Big(T_{AB} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{AB} T \Big).$$

After a straightforward but tedious calculation, we get a remarkably simple but cryptic result

$$R_{AB} = -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} \Big[g_D^{(+)a} g_D^{(-)b} \Big(\eta^a_{AC} \overline{\eta}^b_{BC} + \eta^a_{BC} \overline{\eta}^b_{AC} \Big) - g_C^{(+)a} g_D^{(-)b} \Big(\eta^a_{AC} \overline{\eta}^b_{BD} + \eta^a_{BC} \overline{\eta}^b_{AD} \Big) \Big].$$

To get the above result, we have introduced the structure equation of vector fields $V_A \in \Gamma(TM)$

$$[V_A, V_B] = -g_{AB}{}^C V_C$$

and the canonical decomposition

$$g_{ABC} = g_C^{(+)a} \eta^a_{AB} + g_C^{(-)\dot{a}} \overline{\eta}^{\dot{a}}_{AB}.$$

First it is convenient to decompose the energy-momentum tensor into two parts

$$8\pi GT_{AB}^{(M)} = -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} \Big(g_{ACD} g_{BCD} - \frac{1}{4} \delta_{AB} g_{CDE} g_{CDE} \Big),$$

$$8\pi GT_{AB}^{(L)} = \frac{1}{2\lambda^2} \Big(\rho_A \rho_B - \Psi_A \Psi_B - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{AB} (\rho_C^2 - \Psi_C^2) \Big),$$

where $\rho_A \equiv g_{BAB}$ and $\Psi_A \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{ABCD} g_{BCD}$.

A close inspection reveals that the first one is the Maxwell energy-momentum tensor given by

$$T_{ab}^{(em)} = \frac{\hbar^2 c^2}{g_{YM}^2} \Big(F_{ac} F_{bc} - \frac{1}{4} \delta_{ab} F_{cd} F_{cd} \Big),$$

but the second one seems to be very mysterious.

In order to descry closer aspects of the second energy-momentum tensor, let us consider the following decomposition

$$\rho_a \rho_b = \frac{1}{4} \delta_{ab} \rho_c^2 + \left(\rho_a \rho_b - \frac{1}{4} \delta_{ab} \rho_c^2 \right),$$

$$\Psi_a \Psi_b = \frac{1}{4} \delta_{ab} \Psi_c^2 + \left(\Psi_a \Psi_b - \frac{1}{4} \delta_{ab} \Psi_c^2 \right)$$

In a long wavelength limit, the quadruple modes can be ignored and then it behaves like a cosmological constant

$$T_{ab}^{(L)} = -\frac{c^4 R}{32\pi G} \delta_{ab}$$

where $R = \frac{1}{2\lambda^2} (\rho_a \rho_b + \Psi_a \Psi_b) \delta^{ab}$. So it may be related to dark energy/dark matter.

In order to get a corresponding result in (3+1)-dimenisonal Lorentzian spacetime, let us take the analytic continuation defined by $x^4 = ix^0$ Under this Wick rotation,

$$\delta_{AB} \to \eta_{AB}, \qquad \Psi_A \to i\Psi_A$$

the so-called Poisson-Liouville energy-momentum (PLEM) tensor is given by

$$T^{(L)}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_4 \lambda^2} \Big(\rho_{\mu} \rho_{\nu} + \Psi_{\mu} \Psi_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (\rho_{\lambda}^2 + \Psi_{\lambda}^2) \Big),$$

Note that ρ_{μ} and Ψ_{μ} are four vectors and random fluctuations in nature. So they are classified into two classes:

> (ρ_{μ}, Ψ_{μ}) : spacelike vectors, i.e., $\rho_{\mu}\rho_{\nu} g^{\mu\nu} > 0$, etc. (ρ_{μ}, Ψ_{μ}) : timelike vectors, i.e., $\rho_{\mu}\rho_{\nu} g^{\mu\nu} < 0$, etc.

Given a timelike unit vector field u^{μ} , *i.e.*, $u^{\mu}u_{\mu} = -1$, the Raychaudhuri equation in four dimensions is given by

$$\dot{\Theta} - \dot{u}^{\mu}_{;\mu} + \Sigma_{\mu\nu} \Sigma^{\mu\nu} - \Omega_{\mu\nu} \Omega^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{3} \Theta^2 = -R_{\mu\nu} u^{\mu} u^{\nu}$$

where

$$-R_{\mu\nu}u^{\mu}u^{\nu} = -\frac{1}{2\lambda^{2}}u^{\mu}u^{\nu}(\rho_{\mu}\rho_{\nu} + \Psi_{\mu}\Psi_{\nu})$$

Suppose that all the terms except the expansion evolution, $\dot{\Theta}$, in the Raychaudhuri equation vanish or become negligible. In this case the Raychaudhuri equation reduces to

$$\dot{\Theta} = -\frac{1}{2\lambda^2} u^{\mu} u^{\nu} (\rho_{\mu} \rho_{\nu} + \Psi_{\mu} \Psi_{\nu}).$$

Note that $\dot{\Theta} \approx \frac{R}{4}$ and R < 0 when ρ_{μ} and Ψ_{μ} are timelike while R > 0 when ρ_{μ} and Ψ_{μ} are spacelike.

 $\dot{\Theta} \approx \frac{R}{\frac{4}{R}} < 0$ for timelike fluctuations $\dot{\Theta} \approx \frac{R}{\frac{4}{R}} > 0$ for spacelike fluctuations By a simple dimensional argument, it is natural to assess that $R \sim \frac{1}{L_H^2}$ Then the PLEM tensor is given by

$$T_{\mu\nu} \approx -\frac{1}{L_P^2 L_H^2} \approx (10^{-3} eV)^4$$

if we identify L_H with the size of cosmic horizon of our observable universe,

 $L_H \sim 1.3 \times 10^{26}$ m,

This extended (nonlocal) energy is in good agreement with the observed value of current dark energy.

I quote the footnote in one of my papers.

⁷ In the Lorentzian signature, the sign of the Ricci scalar *R* depends on whether fluctuations are spacelike (R > 0) or timelike (R < 0) [12, 5]. In consequence the spacelike perturbations act as a repulsive force whereas the timelike ones act as an attractive force. When considering the fact that the fluctuations in (79) are random in nature and we are living in (3+1) (macroscopic) dimensions, the ratio of the repulsive and attractive components will end in $\frac{3}{4}: \frac{1}{4} = 75: 25$. Is it outrageous to conceive that this ratio curiously coincides with the dark composition of our universe ?